



Royal Order of Kamehameha I

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Assistant Secretary John Berry
c/o Document Management Unit
Department of Interior
1849 C Street, N.W., Mailstop 7229
Washington D.C. 20240

Re: Notice of Proper Venue

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My name is Ali'i Sir Robert C. McKeen, Jr. I am the Kakaolelo (Talking Chief) of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Heiau O Marmalahoa, on the Island of Hawai'i.

I have the honor to address you on behalf of my Ali'i Ai Moku (High Chief), Ali'i Sir Paul K. Neves and he is a personal representative of the Ali'i Nui and Grand Master of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I.

With regards to your request for testimony on the Federal Reconciliation Process, I am authorized to communicate to you this message as a courtesy:

The Kingdom of Hawaii and the United States of America have an existing treaty, and at that level of relationship we are unable to give testimony to the Department of the Interior because it would be intervening in the internal affairs of your government. The United States of America has clearly admitted to violations of our treaty in the U.S. Public Law 103-150.

This Law indicates your intention to have reconciliation. That reconciliation must be between our countries and must begin with sincere talks between representatives of the Kingdom of Hawai'i and your State Department. Anything less cannot be considered proper venue. As a courtesy, for your records, we submit "The Mauna Ala Resolution." It explains our position clearly.

On behalf of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I
I remain,

Kakaolelo (Talking Chief) Ali'i Sir Robert C. McKeen, Jr., K.C.K.

Kuanhau Ali'i Jonah Kelekolio C.K.